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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Incoming
C/007/038-AM01D-2

RE: Submittal of Revisions to Address the Technical Analysis dated September 14, 2001, Associated with the Transfer of Power Lines from the Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038-AM01D-1

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig,

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting its response to the Division's September 14, 2001 Technical Analysis regarding the transfer of power lines from the Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit.

PMC will attempt to clarify why it believes the proposed changes are in compliance with Utah's R645 Coal Rules.

R645-300-121.120 - A map or description clearly shows or describe the precise location and boundaries of the proposed permit area. If a map is used, it will indicate the north direction. The permittee will also need to update the legal description with the Willow Creek Permit.

Figure 4.5-13 has been revised to include a north arrow, township, range and map scale. The power line in Crandall Canyon is included in the current permit legal description.

R645-301-521.161 - The Willow Creek's Surface Facility map must be updated to show the utility corridor. This map has been certified as required by R645-301.

Figure 4.5-13 has been given the title of "Power Line Facilities Location and Permit Area Map. The existing Willow Creek Surface Facility map does not include enough area to show the location of the power lines. If the Willow Creek Surface Facility map scale was reduced to enable the location of the power lines to be shown you would be unable to read much of the crucial information shown on the map. Therefore, Figure 4.5-13 was created to act as the surface facilities map to show the power line location. Figure 4.5-13 has been certified. As clarification a portion of the maps in the approved Willow Creek Permit do include the area where the power poles are located, however the Surface Facilities Map does not.

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R645-301-541.300 - For the purposes of UNDERGROUND COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES, all surface equipment, structures, or other facilities not required for continued underground mining activities and monitoring, unless approved by the Division as suitable for the post-mining land use or environmental monitoring will be removed and the affected lands reclaimed.

Section 5.4 has been revised to state that the power lines and poles will be removed. Very limited disturbance is anticipated during the removal of the power lines and the areas will be revegetated as described in the current permit (Section 5.3.2).

R645-301-800 - The permittee must calculate the cost of reclamation of the power line corridor and update the bonding section on the Mining and Reclamation Plan to reflect the additional cost.

Because there will be minimal disturbance associated with the removal of the power lines, the minimal costs should be covered within the contingency amount included in the Willow Creek bond. In addition the removal of the power lines associated with Crandall Canyon are presently covered in the Crandall Canyon bond.

Please find enclosed two copies of the revisions to the Willow Creek Mine permit to address the deficiencies identified in the Division's TA. A copy of this amendment is being forwarded to the Price Field Office.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment to the permit, please contact Johnny Pappas.

Sincerely yours,



Vicky S. Miller
Environmental Specialist
(435) 472-4711

Enclosures

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DIVISION OF MINES
SALT LAKE CITY, UT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change ☒ New Permit ☐ Renewal ☐ Transfer ☐ Exploration ☐ Bond Release ☐

Permit Number: C/007/038

Title of Proposal: Response to TA Associated with the Transfer of Power Lines from
Castle Gate Permit to the Willow Creek Permit

Mine: Willow Creek

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), this may be a Significant Revision and require Public Notice. Any questions, please call a Permit Supervisor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? |

Attach are 2 complete copies of the application for the Salt Lake Office and 1 copy is being delivered to the Price Field Office..

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Signed: JOHNNY PAPPAS - Sr. Env. Engineer - 9/24/01
Name - Position - Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of Sept, 2001.

My Commission Expires: 1/20/2003, 2001)
Attest: STATE OF UTAH)
COUNTY OF CARBON)



NOTARY PUBLIC
JONA M. SKERL
42 Garden Street
Helper, Utah 84526
My Commission Expires
January 20, 2003
STATE OF UTAH

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Application for Permit Change

Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

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Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 5.4, Page 5.4-8
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 4.5, Pages 4.5-60 and 4.5-61
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Section 4.5, Figure 4.5-13
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

Pagination will be adjusted once the amendment has been approved.

September 25, 2001